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An Editorial

Dictators At Durham

Last week when the Central Intelligence Agency of the U. S. government appeared on the campus at Durham, left wing students blocked the entrance to the room where the recruiters were holding their sessions and attempted in every way to disrupt the activities of the CIA men on the campus. According to these left wingers, the CIA is "immoral."

President McConnell and UNH vice president Jere Chase took steps to free the CIA government men from this type of harassment. This paper suggests to the administration at Durham that further attempts by left wing students to interfere with recruiting on the campus by any branch of the government or by any United States corporation should be met by immediate dismissal of those students and members of the faculty who are guilty of this breach of proper student behavior.

After all, it is a negation of education and freedom to attempt, by force, to block the right of free speech and communication between CIA or other recruiters and their would-be recruits. There is no place in the free intellectual life of a modern university for would-be authoritarian dictators who attempt to use force to prevent other people from expressing opinions they don't happen to like.

These are the very same people who are always screaming about free speech, police brutality and interference with their rights. Yet they don't seem to have the least hesitation in interfering with OTHER people's rights. This is hypocrisy raised to the tenth degree. It is intellectual dishonesty of the very worst sort.

It is also a little ridiculous. What is "immoral" about the CIA? Every government since the beginning of man has had to protect itself by having its intelligence service and its counter-intelligence service. That intellectual homeland of the left wingers, Communist Russia, has raised the greatest spy-ring any nation has ever possessed since the beginning of time.

Yet we have never heard any of these leftists protest this fact. We have never seen any of these leftists picket the Soviet Embassy or consulates in this country to protest the Russian and other Communist spy-rings operating inside the United States.

No U. S. university can tolerate on the campus a group of Fascist leftists who use force to attempt to intimidate others with whose views they do not agree. Since the activities of these leftists in such a situation are a complete negation of the purpose of a university, they should be dismissed immediately.

No one wants UNH to become a campus battlefield such as Berkeley, Calif. There is not the least reason why the vast majority of serious and sensible students at UNH should have their studies and their daily life interfered with by a small group of left wing Fascists, who are apparently more interested in promoting uproar than they are education.

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